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## PREFACE.

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THREE or four years ago a Travelling Scholarship was granted me by the Hibbert Trustees. One condition of holding it was that I should write something on some subject connected with my studies ; and I was glad to have an opportunity of writing the following Essay.

Now that it is on the eve of publication I cannot help reflecting that almost every page is liable to two criticisms, (1) that it abounds with truisms, (2) that it strains after a spurious sort of originality. There is no sort of opposites which it is easier to unite than faults : but for the first of these I plead, that I have been dealing with the most general facts, and that it would be strange if these were not sometimes also the most obvious ; and as to the second, I hope the

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reader will do me the justice to believe, that I am not blind to the difference between discovering a new truth and finding new expressions for an old one.

My thanks are due to my friend Mr. E. S. Thompson, of Christ's College, for advice and suggestions upon many points of difficulty.

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